But the free comfort, which from thence he heares:
But he beares both the ſentence and the ſorrow,
That to pay griefe, muſt of poore patience borrow.
Theſe ſentences to ſugar, or to gall,
Being ſtrong on both ſides, are equiuocall:
But words are words, I neuer yet did heare,
That the bruis'd heart was pierced through the eare.
Beſeech you now, to the affaires of the ſtate.

Du. The *Turke* with moſt mighty preparation makes for *Cyprus*: *Othello*, the fortitude of the place, is beſt knowne to you, and though we haue there a Subſtitute of moſt allowed ſufficiency, yet opinion, a ſoueraigne miſtreſſe of effects, throwes a more ſafer voyce on you: you muſt therefore be content to ſlubber the gloſſe of your new fortunes, with this more ſtubborne and boiſterous expedition.

Oth. The tyrant cuſtome, moſt graue Senators,
Hath made the flinty and ſteele Couch of warre,
My thrice-driuen bed of downe: I doe agnize
A naturall and prompt alacrity,
I find in hardneſſe, and doe vndertake
This preſent warre againſt the *Ottomites*:
Moſt humbly therefore, bending to your State,
I craue fit diſpoſition for my wife,
Due reference of place and exhibition,
With ſuch accommodation and beſort,
As leuels with her breeding.

Du. If you pleaſe, bee't at her fathers.

Bra. Ile not haue it ſo.

Oth. Nor I.

Def. Nor I, I would not there reſide,
To put my father in impatient thoughts,
By being in his eye: moſt gracious Duke,
To my vnfolding lend a gracious eare,
And let me find a charter in your voyce,
T'aſſiſt my ſimpleneſſe.—

Du. What would you *Deſdemona?*

Def. That I did loue the Moore to liue with him,
My downe right violence, and ſtorme of Fortunes,
May trumpet to the world; my hearts ſubdued,
Euen

Euen to the very qualitie of my Lord:
I ſaw *Othelloes* vilage in his minde,
And to his Honors, and his valiant parts
Did I my ſoule and fortunes conſecrate.
So that deare Lords, if I be left behinde,
A Moth of peace, and he goe to the warre,
The rites for which I loue him, are bereft me,
And I a heauy interim ſhall ſupport,
By his deare abſence: let me goe with him.

Oth. Your voyces Lords: beſeech you let her
Haue a free way:
Vouch with me heauen, I therefore beg it not
To pleaſe the palat of my appetite,
Nor to comply with heate, the young affects
In my defunct, and proper ſatisfaction,
But to be free and bounteous to her mind,
And heauen defend your good ſoules, that you th
I will your ſerious and good buſineſſe ſcant,
For ſhe is with me;——no, when light wingd toy
And feather'd Cupid foyles with wanton dulne
My ſpeculatiue and actiue inſtruments,
That my diſports corrupt and taint my buſineſſe,
Let huſwiues make a skellet of my Helme,
And all indigne and baſe aduerſities,
Make head againſt my reputation.

Du. Be it, as you ſhall priuately determine,
Eyther for her ſtay or going, the affaire cryes haſ
And ſpeed muſt anſwere, you muſt hence to night

Def. To night my Lord?

Du. This night. *Oth.* With all my heart.

Du. At nine i'th morning here weel meet again
Othello, leaue ſome officer behind,
And he ſhall our Commiſſion bring to you,
With ſuch things elſe of quality and reſpect,
As doth import you.

Oth. Pleaſe your Grace, my Ancient,
A man he is of honeſty and truſt,
To his conueyance I aſsigne my wife,